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San Francisco July 4. Chicago will have her services during the month of November, and already definite engagements have been made for her to speak before many of the most important organizations in this city and its suburbs. All this has necessitated many committee meetings. The work is being admirably handled by a joint committee, of which Mrs. Leroy A. Goddard is chairman and Miss Marie Ruef Hofer secretary.

Judge Edward Osgood Brown delivered an admirable address before the Political Equality League on April 20 on "Democracy and International Unity."

Hector Waylen, of Edinburgh, who sojourned in Chicago for a season, and who during his stay there was a very active worker for the peace society, has just published a second and enlarged edition of his volume *Mountain Pathways*, "a study in the ethics of the Sermon on the Mount." His chapter on "Christian Non-resistance" is a fascinating and searching discussion of the teachings of Jesus concerning physical force and war. The volume is scholarly, temperate, and timely. It is high time for the Christian Church to attempt the teachings of its Founder, instead of wasting its time over definitions of His nature.

From the Baron d'Estournelles de Constant has been received a copy of *La Revue*, containing an article from the Baron's pen on "Chicago and the State of Illinois," with reminiscences of his visit last spring.

Mrs. Dr. W. H. Freeman has offered some prizes to the school children of Hinsdale for the best compositions on arbitration and the peace movement. The response has been very satisfactory and many pupils will participate in the contest. The first award of the "Dr. Hiram W. Thomas World Peace Prize," in Alfred University, was made recently.

The Field Secretary was present at Galesburg April 12 at the Illinois State Oratorical Contest of the Intercollegiate Peace Association. Unfortunately, the award of prizes left much to be desired. Unless greater care is exercised in the selection of judges, and greater safeguards to assure justice are adopted, it will be futile to attempt to secure co-operation of the better colleges and universities.

An interstate group contest was held at Monmouth April 26. With such judges as Mr. Justice Cooke, of the Supreme Court of Illinois, and Judge Theophilus, of the District Court, Davenport, Iowa, a repetition of the lamentable affair at Galesburg was impossible.

As reported last month, special efforts are being made by the Chicago Peace Society to enlist the co-operation of the pastors and churches of Chicago and vicinity for the observance of Sunday, May 19, in connection with the 18th of May celebration in the schools. Very gratifying has been the response thus far. Circular letters have been mailed to all the pastors explaining the plan, and a copy of a pamphlet, "The Higher Soldiership," presented to each. The subject suggested is the transformation of struggle from physical strife to moral warfare.

The local society has chosen its president, Mr. Leroy A. Goddard, as a director of the American Peace Society in accordance with the provisions of the revised constitution of the National Society. It has also elected its full quota of delegates to the annual meeting of the American Peace Society to be held in Washington May 10. The local branch will publish a report within a few weeks.

The Field Secretary recently visited Madison, Wisconsin, with a view to the organization of a Wisconsin State branch in the near future. Through the generous co-operation of Mr. Louis P. Lochner results were obtained which warrant the prophecy that before the advent of summer the Badger State will be enrolled among the State branches. The character and standing of the persons who have pledged support fully justify the hope that the new organization will be one of the most influential of the State organizations.

Wisconsin is doing interesting things. Not the least interesting is the publication of a *Memorial Day Annual*. In this manual of 153 pages is contained excellent material for school exercises for Memorial Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Flag Day, Washington's Birthday, Independence Day, and PEACE DAY. The publication of this *Annual* began in 1900. The increasing space devoted to peace material is a gratifying indication of the rapid progress in public sentiment toward peace.

Mr. Lochner has accepted an invitation from the World Peace Foundation to a secretaryship covering work in the colleges and universities. He will make his headquarters in Boston after July. The mid-west is loath to part with him. Strenuous efforts have been made to retain him in Madison, where he has rendered notable service as editor of the *Alumni Magazine* of the University of Wisconsin and in the secretaryship of the Cosmopolitan Clubs and editorship of *The Cosmopolitan Student*. The best wishes of all our peace workers will accompany Mr. Lochner in his new field.

The American School Peace League.

By Mrs. Fannie Fern Andrews, Secretary.

Since the appearance of the last report of the American School Peace League in the *ADVOCATE OF PEACE* the work has continued with most gratifying results. The third annual convention of the league at San Francisco was, if possible, even more successful than the preceding conventions, a unique feature being an address by Miss Kate Stevens, of London, who had been sent by various teachers' associations in England to convey greetings to the National Education Association. Miss Stevens read letters from the King of England, the Lord Mayor of London, Lord Beauchamp, Ambassador Bryce, and a letter of cordial reception from President Taft. These letters from England expressed sincere interest in Miss Stevens' mission to America, which had as its predominant note the maintenance of peace between Great Britain and the United States and peace among the nations of all the world.

Many interesting events have resulted from the secretary's visit to Europe, where addresses were given in Budapest, Vienna, Berlin, Paris, and London. The visit to London, which was made in the capacity of an official representative of the National Education Association, has especially been fruitful in establishing foreign interchanges. In response to the request of the Lord Mayor for an official report of the visit of Miss Stevens and the secretary of the league, to be preserved in the archives of the Mansion House, the secretary is preparing a report which will contain an introduction by President Taft.

During the past autumn and winter interest among teachers has been more marked than ever before. A

very large number of individual students from different parts of the country have written to the American School Peace League for literature to assist them in preparing orations, essays, and debates on the subject of international peace and arbitration. Many classes as a whole have written upon the subject, and several principals of high schools have entered the whole senior class to compete in the essay contest. Among the schools whose classes have, as a whole, written upon this subject are the Roanoke High School, Virginia; the Columbus High School, Mississippi; the Minto High School, North Dakota; the Shortridge High School, Indianapolis, and several others. The high school branches of the league, of which eight have been organized since last summer, have also been very active in arranging debates and programs on this subject.

Interest continues to grow in the Seabury Peace Prize Essay Contest. One hundred and sixteen essays have been received this year, representing twenty-seven States, and the decisions of the judges will be announced at the annual meeting of the league next July, in Chicago. This will be held, as usual, with the National Education Association.

Several State branches also have been organized since the last report of the league in the *ADVOCATE OF PEACE*. The following is the list of States organized since April 1, 1911: Louisiana, West Virginia, Maryland, California, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, North Carolina, and Tennessee. At the last annual conventions of the State Teachers' Associations resolutions were passed in the following States providing for the organization of State branches within the coming year: Utah, Idaho, Indiana, Illinois, and Rhode Island. It is practically certain that such will be done in the following States at their next annual meetings: Mississippi, Kansas, Kentucky, Ohio, Iowa, Oregon, South Dakota, North Dakota, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. At the meetings of the Utah and Washington State Teachers' Associations, one whole session was devoted to the subject of peace. We are informed that the whole of one Sunday in Salt Lake City was devoted to the cause of international peace, and that the Tabernacle was filled with teachers and school patrons on this occasion. The committee appointed by the Oregon State Teachers' Association last year to organize local school peace leagues throughout the State has been active this year, and has written to the league for information and assistance in the work.

The State branches have been active in arranging programs for a department session at the next meeting of their respective State Teachers' Associations. Practically every State branch will do this this year. Arkansas, Oklahoma, Georgia, and Louisiana have already held their department sessions, and they were most successful. The secretary of the league addressed the department session of the Arkansas State branch, and also one of the general sessions of the Arkansas State Teachers' Association. The Arkansas branch of the league continues to be most active in its efforts to acquaint the teachers throughout the State with the educational peace work, and recently State Superintendent George B. Cook gave the branch the use of an office in the State Department of Education. Prof. W. A. Ramsey, who was elected president of the branch at its last annual meeting, has addressed a great many high schools

throughout the State on the work of the American School Peace League, and has organized a school branch after each address.

The league sent Prof. Edward B. Krehbiel, of Leland Stanford Junior University, to address the Montana State Teachers' Association, and very favorable reports of his address have come to the league through the Montana press. The resolutions passed by the association on Professor Krehbiel's address were indicative of high appreciation both of Professor Krehbiel and the peace movement. At the convention of the Maine State Teachers' Association, United States Commissioner of Education, Dr. P. P. Claxton, devoted a part of his address to the subject of world peace, which aroused much enthusiasm among the assembled teachers.

The California branch has appointed a committee on teaching history in high schools, of which Mr. Haven Wilson Edwards, of the Oakland high school, is chairman. We are looking forward to most telling work by this committee. The Massachusetts branch, through its committee on methods, appointed two years ago, has prepared a course of study in good will covering the elementary grades. This committee has recently decided on a final outline, which is a most comprehensive piece of work. They will now work out sub-topics and then print a separate pamphlet for each grade, containing reference material for teachers. Many requests for material for the observance of Flag Day come to the league every year, and for this purpose the Michigan branch of the league has appointed a committee to work up such an exercise, which it hopes to have ready for use next June.

Practically all the State branches are sending a circular to the superintendents and principals of their States, requesting the observance of the 18th of May. The value of circular letters to acquaint the teachers with the work and to enlist their co-operation has been proven by several of the State branches, which have reported very favorable responses. The Minnesota branch sent out, some months ago, to the superintendents and principals of the State blank lists for membership signatures, with return envelopes, and in response received a list outside of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth of several thousand members. The New Hampshire branch has also recently sent out a circular letter to the superintendents and principals of the State, calling attention to the league and the international peace cause in general, and requesting signatures for membership. The Oklahoma branch has sent circular letters to the educational magazines of the State, requesting them to insert some notice concerning the observance of the 18th of May in the schools.

The secretary of the New Jersey State branch has succeeded in reaching the teachers of his State with information concerning Peace Day through an article prepared for the *Trenton Times*. The *Times* devoted considerable space to this subject, and one thousand copies of the article have been sent out among the teachers of the State. The secretary of the New Mexico branch has reached thousands of teachers in person by addressing assemblies of teachers on the subject of international peace and arbitration. The New York branch has still another way of attracting the attention of teachers to the work of the league. This branch is planning to send out the Course of Study in Good Will,

which has been prepared by the Massachusetts branch, to the principals of the State asking for criticisms and suggestions. In some cities, the principals have already met and discussed this course.

Ever since the organization of the Wisconsin branch last November, it has carried on active propaganda work. The Milwaukee Teachers' Association gives the secretary of the branch the use of one of its offices, from which quantities of literature have been distributed. The Wisconsin branch has appointed the following committees: Press, Meetings and Discussion, Publications, and History. The Publications Committee, of which Mr. Louis P. Lochner, secretary of the Association of Cosmopolitan Clubs, is chairman, has begun to work out an outline for normal schools similar to the Course of Study in Good Will for elementary grades. This committee is also to send out a circular letter concerning the observance of the 18th of May this year.

Although we have not as yet a branch in North Dakota, we have a most enthusiastic representative of the league there, who is doing a great deal to further the work. Mr. A. G. Crane, Superintendent of Schools in Jamestown, North Dakota, has given several addresses on the subject of peace. A few months ago he sent out a circular letter, together with the last annual report of the league, to twelve leading superintendents of North Dakota, calling attention to the league and to the valuable literature which may be obtained. He also urged them, in this letter, to arouse interest among their seniors in the essay contest. Five of Mr. Crane's seniors submitted essays. Mr. Crane has also provided the library of his school with several of the most important works on the peace movement.

The Superintendent of Instruction in the State of Washington sent out from his office a circular letter, together with the annual report of the league, to one hundred superintendents of the State, urging them to have their pupils compete in the essay contest.

The secretary of the league has given addresses before several groups of people since her return from Europe. Besides the two addresses which she delivered in Arkansas last December, she has spoken on the subject of international peace before the parents' association of the George Putnam School in Boston; the teachers of Washington, D. C., whom President David Starr Jordan addressed at the same meeting; the teachers of Memphis, Tenn., at which time a Tennessee State branch was formed; the East Baptist Church, in Lynn, Mass.; a group of prominent educators of the country at the dinner of the league in St. Louis, and about forty leading educators in Massachusetts at a luncheon given in Boston. This luncheon was given on March 16, at the Hotel Somerset, by Mrs. J. Malcolm Forbes, to the Massachusetts State Board of Education, the officers of the Massachusetts branch of the league, and the executive committee of the league. It was given for the purpose of discussing the work of the Massachusetts branch of the league. Dr. David Snedden, the State Commissioner of Education, was toastmaster, and addresses were given by Mrs. Forbes, Hon. Charles S. Hamlin, Superintendent James H. Van Sickle, of Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. Ella Lyman Cabot, member of the State Board of Education; Wilbur F. Gordy, Prof. George H. Blakeslee, of Clark University; Frederick P. Fish, chairman of the State Board of Education, and

the secretary of the league. The address by Mr. Fish was especially significant, since he made the statement that he would do all in his power to further the ideas for which the league stands.

During the convention of the Department of Superintendence in St. Louis, February 26-29, the American School Peace League gave a dinner at the Planters' Hotel to the State superintendents of instruction and other prominent educators of the country. About one hundred people attended, and addresses were given by Superintendent James H. Van Sickle, on "The General Importance of Educational Work for Peace"; Superintendent E. C. Warriner, of Saginaw, Mich., on "The Significance of the Observance of National Days"; Mrs. Ella Lyman Cabot, member of the Massachusetts State Board of Education, on "The Course of Study in Good Will"; Superintendent James M. Greenwood, of Kansas City, Mo., on "Teaching Peace in the Schools Through Instruction in American History"; United States Commissioner Philander P. Claxton, on the general subject of international peace, and the secretary of the league. Mr. Claxton spoke also about the *Peace Day Bulletin*, which he is sending out from his office. At his request the secretary of the league has compiled material for the observance of the 18th of May, which he is to send out from his office as a *Peace Day Bulletin*. In his letter of transmittal, Mr. Claxton suggests that State and city superintendents make reprints to supply their teachers. The *Bulletin* also includes a bibliography of the international peace movement and the Course of Study in Good Will. It is the most comprehensive mass of material which has yet appeared in such concise form, and it is hoped that every teacher in the country may be supplied with a copy. Several peace societies are buying copies of this *Bulletin* to send to the teachers of their respective States, and copies may be obtained from Mr. Claxton up to the limit of editions printed.

The New China Among the Nations.

By Prof. Paul S. Reinsch, of the University of Wisconsin, at Present Roosevelt Professor in Berlin.

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That the sudden appearance of a mighty nation, organized on modern methods, in our international life must exert a very decided influence on this international life is unquestionable. But there exists a great difference of opinion on the subject as to whether this magnificent event will render still more keen the already existing antipathies between nations, or whether on the other hand it will tend toward the further strengthening of the unity of the world, the international legal relations of the nations and the working in harmony of nations. While we turn to these questions, we will not investigate the probable position of the new government in relation to single States, but will rather try to form an opinion concerning the general tendency of the new Chinese political life.

The great events of the present time in China might lead certainly to a sharpening of the antipathies between that government and individual states, as for example Russia and Japan. The very difference of the form of government, and in still greater measure the